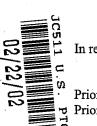
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Jennifer Presswood

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a Request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/570,614, filed on 05/12/00, entitled METHOD FOR FORMING CONDUCTORS IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES in the name of Fernando Gonzalez et al.

The following are enclosed:

- 1. X A true copy of the prior application as originally filed, including a Title page, a 19 page disclosure, 6 pages of claims, a 1 page abstract of the disclosure, 17 sheets of formal drawings, and a Declaration signed by the inventors.
- 2. X The Commissioner is authorized to charge the filing fee as calculated below, less any claims canceled by amendment below, and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 13-3092; Order No. MCRO:125--4/FLE (94-0281.04).
- 3.a. X A copy of the Election and Power of Attorney in the prior application.

or

- 3.b. _____ A new Power of Attorney.
- 4. X An Assignment of record for the prior application.
- 5. X Three (3) sets of formal drawings, each set consisting of 17 sheets.
- 6.a. _____ A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed.



	6.b	A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in a parent application and small entity status is still proper and desired in this continuing application.
	7. <u>X</u>	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.
	8. <u>X</u>	A Preliminary Amendment.
X	Please address a Yoder & Van S	Il correspondence in connection with this application to Michael G. Fletcher, Fletcher, Someren, P.O. Box 692289, Houston, Texas 77269-2289; telephone (281) 970-4545.
	Amend the spec	ification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
<u>X</u>		oplication original claims <u>1-17</u> of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At

least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims originally filed in the prior application, and any claims canceled or added by amendment.

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